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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A cross shaft joint tiltably coupling two shaft members to each other, the cross shaft joint comprising:

a cross shaft which includes four shaft portions and is arranged between the two shaft members; and

outer ring cups rotatably provided to the four shaft portions, respectively, at least one of the outer ring cups comprising a key portion extending in a radial direction corresponding to a key groove in one of the two shaft members and defining an attachment hole extending from an inner end of the key portion in a radial direction being adapted to be coupled to corresponding shaft members; and

~~an attachment portion to which a balance weight for balancing the outer ring cups can be attached is formed on at least one of the outer ring cups.~~

Claim 2. (Currently amended) The cross shaft joint according to claim 1, wherein the attachment portion includes an attachment hole has having a substantially constant inside diameter, into which a bar-shaped balance weight can be inserted.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The cross shaft joint according to claim 1, wherein

a said key groove is formed on an end of one of the two shaft members,

~~the outer ring cup is provided with a key portion protruded in a radial direction corresponding to the key groove; and~~

~~a screw hole concaved in a longitudinal direction of the key portion from an inner end of the key portion in the radial direction is formed; and~~

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further comprising ~~a~~ the balance weight having a bar shape that is adapted to be inserted into the attachment ~~screw~~ hole and fixed with a plug screwed into the attachment ~~screw~~ hole.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) The cross shaft joint of claim 1, further comprising ~~a~~ said balance weight attached to the key ~~attachment~~ portion.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) The cross shaft joint of claim 4, wherein ~~the attachment~~ portion defines an attachment hole in the ~~at least one outer ring cup to which~~ the balance weight is attached within said attachment hole.

Claim 6. (Canceled).

Claim 7. (Previously presented) The cross shaft joint of claim 5, wherein the attachment hole comprises internal threads.

Claim 8. (Previously presented) The cross shaft joint of claim 7, wherein the balance weight is positioned inside the attachment hole and the balance weight is fixed by a plug screwed into the internal thread.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) The cross shaft joint of claim 5, further comprising the balance weight positioned ~~positioned~~ within the attachment hole.

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Claim 10. (Previously presented - Withdrawn) The cross shaft joint of claim 4, wherein said balance weight is plate-shaped.

Claim 11. (Previously presented - Withdrawn) The cross shaft joint of claim 4, wherein an outer surface of said balance weight is threaded.

Claim 12. (Currently amended - Withdrawn) The cross shaft joint of claim 15, wherein said attachment hole ~~portion~~ comprises a square hole.

Claim 13. (Canceled).

Claim 14. (Currently amended - Withdrawn) The cross shaft joint of claim 1, wherein the attachment hole ~~portion comprises an attachment hole in the at least one outer ring cup that is~~ adapted to receive the balance weight pressed into the attachment hole.

Claims 15-17. (Canceled).

Claim 18. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 1, further comprising a balance weight received by the attachment hole of said at least one of the outer ring cups.

Claim 19. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 18, wherein the balance bar comprises a bar shape.